

News and Current Events :: President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear...**President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear... - posted by Lamb99, on: 2012/4/6 13:54**

(excerpt taken from Townhall.com) ".....During his six-minute speech to about 150 people Wednesday (April 4) in the East Room, Obama referred to the suffering Jesus endured.

"For like us, Jesus knew doubt. Like us, Jesus knew fear," he said.

Describing Christ's prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane, the president said, "He fell to His knees, pleading with His Father, saying, 'If it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me.' And yet, in the end, He confronted His fear with words of humble surrender, saying, 'If it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may Your will be done.'"

Obama added, "We all have experiences that shake our faith. There are times where we have questions for God's plan relative to us, but that's precisely when we should remember Christ's own doubts and eventually His own triumph."

Denny Burk, associate professor of biblical studies at Boyce College in Louisville, Ky., said he appreciates the president's effort to "highlight the courage of Jesus," but that Obama's description of Christ experiencing doubt and fear in ways of other human beings do is foreign to Scripture.

Using numerous New Testament passages to explain his position, Burk said, "In the Bible, doubt and fear are sins.

"To say that Jesus had doubts and fears is to make Him into a transgressor," Burk wrote in a commentary on his blog. "But that is not at all the biblical depiction of Jesus. Yes, Jesus can sympathize with all of our weaknesses and, yes, was tempted in all things as we are. But He did it without sin!"

Despite His suffering, Jesus "never doubted His Father, and never feared man," Burk said.

Christ knew in advance the physical pain He would undergo, the forsakeness by friends He would experience and the wrath of God He would bear by dying on a cross in the place of sinners, Burk said. Yet, He "was motivated by joy to endure the cross," Burk wrote, citing Hebrews 12:2.

"Jesus saw right through the cross to the resurrection on the other side," he said. "You and I may fear death, but Jesus never did. You and I may doubt God's purposes in suffering, but Jesus never did. Ever! What was definitive for Jesus was the joy set before Him, not death."

Burk wrote, "The model that Jesus gives us is not that He had doubts and fears like we do. The model that He gives us is perfection."

Thoughts? Comments? I'm too new to Bible study and being Christian to have a sound commentary on this, but it interested me and even concerned me that it would be interpreted that Jesus had doubts and fears. I'd like to read what others have to say on this matter.

Re: President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear..., on: 2012/4/6 14:03

Hmmm... where to begin... I do not agree with Burk. I also do not agree with the context in which Obama was trying to force his point.

So they are both skewed in their thinking.

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Krispy

Re: President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear..., on: 2012/4/6 14:07

I have to concur with my colleague, I too disagree with Burk.

Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/4/6 14:14

Quote:

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Absolutely, why should we then even be worried about what he has commented on Jesus and have a discussion on this. I am not even expecting him to understand the Cup that bothered Jesus. No way he can get a revelation on this.

Re: - posted by gators52 (), on: 2012/4/6 14:21

And what is it that KK and approved disagree with Burk on?

Re: , on: 2012/4/6 14:35

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Now next question. Is Mit Romney a believer in Jesus Christ? Does anyone believe he needs salvation?

Bearmaster standing down.

Re: , on: 2012/4/6 14:51

Well I can't speak for Steven Gator, but Jesus was not only God but He was fully man born of a woman. The prayer that He prayed in His passion in Mark 14:35 And He went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him.

The part that was so fearful is not the pain that He was going to endure or the crown of thorns and the railings and mockings, that is what Paul says, "light afflictions". The fear was the separation that He had to endure apart from the Father by becoming 'sin' for us in our stead, thus fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah which reads, Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

This is what He petitioned God for but at the same time He knew that it was for this hour that He came to fulfill. There was definitely a fear there. Burk is wrong in saying that fear is sin and doubt. Perhaps in some instances, but to say that if a man has fear doesn't mean that he has sin. For the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom. Even though I am afraid, at the same time I am willing to be made willing to do whatever it is that He desires for me to do.

Re: , on: 2012/4/6 15:23

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Just because I made the statement that I did you choose to draw the conclusion that I do not pray (i.e. do not care) for his salvation? That's rather judgemental of you, brother.

Anyway, I agree 100% with what my colleague Approved said. He spoke well for me... and saved me a bunch of typing!

Krispy

Re: Krisoy Kritter, on: 2012/4/6 16:35

Brother you are quite defensive. No one was inferring anything from your post. If you pray for the President's salvation then excellent. My post was meant to ask others to agree for his salvation. I might add that Mr. Romney needs prayer to

Bearmaster standing down.

Re: President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear... - posted by Trekker, on: 2012/4/7 0:49

He likes to give nice little "Christian"-sounding soundbites in an attempt to win over Evangelicals. It's all part of the political strategy. And his cronies probably write those speeches FOR him. Anyone who thinks the man is a born again Christian is a fool. And btw, Muslims also believe in the historical "Jesus", they just don't believe He is God, etc.

For those who are tempted to be fooled by the Obama messiah, let's go over his first two major acts after he took office:

1. He repealed the ban on partial-birth abortion (a barbaric form of infanticide)
2. He declared a national LGBT day for the sexually immoral.

He only left out heterosexual fornicators, pedophiles, and adulterers and forgot to declare a special day for them....maybe that is coming his next term.

Re: - posted by rjennings (), on: 2012/4/7 4:20

Although Jesus was indeed all man His heart was in unison with the Father's (John 5:19). His life was threatened several times before His crucifixion. Within two chapters in John's gospel the Jews sought to stone Him twice (John 8 and 10) and we see no evidence of fear. Why? Because He knew the script for His life from the very beginning and lived His life with the purpose for which He was born and confronted evil unafraid. So why did He travail in the garden? Approved is right in that for the first time in all eternity as Jesus hung on the cross (and the last time, by the way) Jesus was separated from the Father and knew the moment was near. Recall the time of your salvation when everything was new and fresh, your life completely transformed, and God was so alive in your heart. At that moment if you were challenged with death compared to separation from the life you've just received and relationship with God like you never knew possible what would concern you? And we must understand that our revelation of God is but a microcosm of the glory that Jesus walked in. My dear brethren, He travailed for two reasons. He knew the hour had come where the sky would go dark and the earth tremble as He would bare our sin upon Himself and cry out "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?". I don't think our hearts can bare the full weight of that moment as mere men. Secondly, He anguished in the garden for a people that although He departed from heaven to walk among them and reveal the fullness of the Father to them would reject Him. See Luke 19, as Jesus enters Jerusalem, He wept over it. Do you think He knew the people for which He came would reject Him? Of course He did and yet He wept. How greatly must the culmination of that burden weighed on Him during the final moments of His natural life.

I am so thankful for a Savior who loves so great as to be so broken.

Happy Easter all!

Re: , on: 2012/4/7 10:02

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Jim:

Yet how many here vote republican thinking it is "Gods party". How many christians sent their sons and daughters off to kill and be killed in iraq because they think america is like OT isreal. How many christian radio stations who now denounce obama worshipped the good christian bush with all the loyalty that churchians will one day give to antichrist.

The "christian" left is no more or less apostate than the "christian" right.

-Jim

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/4/7 10:19

QUOTE:

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My thoughts exactly.

And I had additional thoughts.

I wondered if the Holy Spirit will not in time use these very words he spoke to convict him? Could happen - it has happened before.

A notorious incident of this occurred when D.R.Van Sickle penned the song "All Hail, to Thee Immanuel". Here is a quote from cyberhymnal concerning Van Sickle: "D. R. Van Sickle, 1910, alt. Van Sickle, a non-believer, wrote the song to prove that one doesn't have to be a Christian to write a Christian song. However, God, with His great patience, turned the tables on him. Years later, Van Sickle was sitting in a service where a choir sang his hymn. He came under conviction and gave his heart to Christ!"

Do you not just love that? I do.

Want to read the words? Here they are:

All hail to Thee, Immanuel, we cast our crowns before Thee;
Let every heart obey Thy will, and every voice adore Thee.
In praise to Thee, our Savior King, the vibrant chords of Heaven ring,
And echo back the mighty strain: All hail! All hail! All hail Immanuel!

Refrain

Hail to the King we love so well! Immanuel! Immanuel!
Hail to the King we love so well! Immanuel! Immanuel!
Glory and honor and majesty, wisdom and power be unto Thee,
Now and evermore!
Hail to the King we love so well! Immanuel! Immanuel!
Hail to the King we love so well! Immanuel! Immanuel!
King of kings and Lord of lords, all hail, Immanuel!

All hail to Thee, Immanuel, the ransomed hosts surround Thee;

And earthly monarchs clamor forth their sovereign King to crown Thee.
While those redeemed in ages gone, assembled round the great white throne,
Break forth into immortal song: All hail! All hail! All hail Immanuel!

Refrain

All hail to Thee, Immanuel, our risen King and Savior!
Thy foes are vanquished, and Thou art omnipotent forever.
Death, sin and hell no longer reign, and Satan's power is burst in twain;
Eternal glory to Thy Name: All hail! All hail! All hail Immanuel!

Refrain

It is a beautiful song - I suggest you take a listen located at the site I referred to.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Lamb99, on: 2012/4/7 10:36

In posting this thread, my thoughts were on two things: Who was doing the speaking on this subject of Jesus and What was said. The "who" concerned me because he's the leader of our nation and as such, what he says goes into the ears of many and not everyone is as discerning as we would hope. The "what" concerned me because to say that Jesus knew "doubt" demonstrates this leader's epic failure to appear knowledgeable in a spiritual matter and gross underestimation of being called on it. I find it hard to believe that his advisors even let him speak what he did.

Anyhow, I'm grateful this article came to light because it made me delve into the Word and study Jesus's agony in the garden for myself. My own study coupled with the insight of brethren here made this year's Good Friday the most meaningful day this Christian has experienced since becoming born again. Praise be to God!

Re: , on: 2012/4/7 10:51

Quote:
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Right you are! It's the formation of a political 'catholic' church, just under a different banner. The players and scenes have changed but it's the same spirit.

Re: , on: 2012/4/7 11:35

Jesus never experienced doubt, fear yes, but not doubt. Jesus knew His Father, He knew who God was.

Fear and doubt are not the same thing, though I can experience both at the same time. Jesus was never in doubt of His mission, He knew why He had to come, that was never the issue. The Second Adam had to experience what Adam experienced but through obedience, separation from God. If the first Adam had endured and overcame the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the world would have looked a whole lot differently today. But it wasn't meant to go that way, it was designed that God would be that object of worship, hence no flesh shall glory in His presence. Adam had to be put away so that the Second Adam which is the Lord God from heaven would be that object of worship. The flesh having been done away with and sin being taken out of the way, God is honoured and worshiped through the man Christ Jesus. This was the Joy that was set before Him. So Jesus knew His calling, He knew what was in store for Him when He endured all these things. But at the same time He did experience fear and as I said in my previous post it was the fear of being separated. "Father Father why hast thou forsaken me". He had to be forsaken so that none of us would be. He had to die so we do not have to. Even though you and I have this wonderful knowledge, we also can fear when the time of our testing comes upon us, but that doesn't mean that we will fail, it just means that we are still in this body that is subject to fear.

Blessings

Re: , on: 2012/4/7 13:50

I have no illusions in believing the President is a born again Christian. Despite whatever references he may make about Jesus it is probably for political theater. Yet, who knows other than Jesus himself, what may be in his heart. For sure he has heard the gospel from well known preachers. He has even sat under the preaching of a Southern Baptist Chaplain at Camp David.

We are commanded in 1 Tim.2:1-6 to pray for those in authority. Even for their salvation. When Paul wrote this one of the most depraved men in history ruled Rome. That was Nero. Compared to Nero the President is a saint.

Now I have asked if anyone thinks Mit Romney needs prayer for salvation. To my surprise no one has answered. What is even more surprising is Christians are willing to vote for a Mormon over Obama. Believers tell me that they would rather have a Mormon in the White House than Obama for another four years.

Such thinking is dangerous and I am concerned that Christians are taking leave of their senses in their desire to see Obama defeated. A Mormon in office is not what this country needs.

For the record. Mormonism is not evangelical Christianity. The Mormons, like the Moslems, do not believe in the God of the Bible. The Mormons do not hold to the Person and Work of Jesus Christ. The Mormons are an offshoot of the Masonic lodge. Most masons regard the Mormon Temple in Salt Lake City as unofficial masonic temple. The signs and countersigns of the Mormons are masonic.

Mit Romney is a Mormon and probably a Mason of the highest order. If you Google Mit Romney and White Horse prophecy some interesting info turns up. Mormons believe that Mit Romney is the one who will save the Constitution.

Reports, though cannot be verified, is that the fifth floor of the Mormon Temple in Washington D.C. has a replica of the Oval Office equipped with the same type of communications as the one in the White House. The idea being during a national emergency Romney could rule, oops I mean direct, the country.

I am no fan of Obama being in office for four more years. But at least we know where this man leans. Better the enemy you know. The greater deception would be for someone to come from the right and expose so-called conservative values but deny Christ.

Jesus did warn us that Satan would try to deceive the elect if that were possible. We are on guard against a liberal humanist being the antichrist. But has it ever crossed our minds the antichrist could be one who sings America the Beautiful with the American flag at his back? Has it ever crossed our minds the antichrist could be a Republican? This could very well be the great satanic deception.

Bearmaster standing down

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2012/4/7 20:23

Isaiah 42:4 "He will not be disheartened or crushed Until He has established justice in the earth; And the coastlands will wait expectantly for His law."

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2012/4/7 23:37

bear,

I did a check on the web concerning Romney being a freemason and the results are not conclusive at all.

I also did a web check on Obama being a freemason and I got the same results: none conclusive.

SIGH.

Re: - posted by Dlight, on: 2012/4/8 1:04

Thanks for the scripture, White-Stone. Psalm 2 is another beautiful one on this matter. Jesus was fully persuaded of His coming victory, and His faith never wavered. And even today, as the whole world wallows in sin and wickedness, He is not disheartened. Rather, he waits patiently (or rather, He laughs from His throne) until all His enemies be made his footstool.

I however do not doubt that as a man, he experienced grief, pain, sorrow etc.; emotions that exist because this is a fallen world. I do not doubt that these were His feelings in the garden of Gethsemane, where he told His disciples that He was exceedingly sorrowful, even to the point of death.

Anyway, while I know not all the dynamics of Christ's life on earth, I praise God for a wonderful savior, who is able and mighty to save. I praise God that even though my sin is very great, He took it upon Himself. He is the Lamb of God.

ginnyrose, I laughed at the story. In the end, God always wins!

Re: President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear... - posted by Tejas (), on: 2012/4/8 5:32

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Re: , on: 2012/4/8 7:37

"Discussion Forum : News and Current Events : President Obama Says Jesus Knew Doubt and Fear..."

Actually, the President is right; HIS Jesus knew doubt and fear. His Jesus is the Muslim Jesus, Isa, and given a special place in the Koran. There He is described as an Earthly Jesus, who is recognized as a prophet, and only a prophet.

His Jesus died, and was buried, and remained in the grave, for as the Muslim mandate states, "God had no son!"

Obama neither is, nor ever was a Christian. As Islam is anti-Christ, so is he, and coupled with the pure evil of Marxist/Socialism, he is the servant of Satan, and has proven this over and over in his deeds.

Jesus never feared or doubted, for He was sinless and perfect in His body as the Son of Man. He did, however question His Father in bewilderment and agony; "FATHER, FATHER, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?"

This was done in FAITH, by accepting that royal cup of death, by a "YOUR WILL NOT MINE!" Spirit of obedience, yes even unto death. It is foolishness to believe otherwise.

Re: , on: 2012/4/8 9:26

And yet God is appearing to Moslems in dreams and visions to bring them to his Son. If it takes a dream or vision. The Lord Jesus appear to the President in a dream or vision so he may be saved. Dear God. Save the President. Save his family. Save his mother-in-law. In Your Name. Amen..

Re: , on: 2012/4/8 9:41

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Liberal and conservative are both of the world. Those that approve of murdering babies are not "living in the light of Jesus".

-Jim